The next general election to the Legislative Council.

364. **Mr. K. T. Mathew** .—Will the Government be pleased to state when will the next general election to the Legislative Council be held, before or after the meetings of the legislative session of the Council in 1103?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The Government have not yet considered the matter.

The appointment of a Veterinary Inspector for Kunnamkulam.

365. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government have taken up for consideration, the question of appointing a Veterinary Inspector for the Kunnamkulam Veterinary Hospital, and if it has been considered, whether the papers and the orders passed with reference to it be placed on the table?

Mr. I. Raman Menon .—The Member is referred to the Diwan's Proceedings R. O. C. No. 1142/1102, dated 9th January 1927, and published in the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 2nd Makaram 1102. The Government do not consider that any public purpose will be served by placing the papers on the table.

The Diwan's leave.

366. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to mention whether the report published in the newspapers that the Diwan is about to take long leave prior to his retirement is a fact, and, if so, when he will be taking leave?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The idea of taking leave has not as yet entered the mind of the Diwan.

Resolutions requesting for an elected President for the Council.

367. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the resolutions received by the Government or by His Highness the Maharaja requesting to appoint an elected President to the Legislative Council, and state whether this matter has received the attention of the Government, and, if so, what is the decision arrived at by the Government, and whether the Government be pleased to place on the table all the papers connected with this matter?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is not possible to answer the question without definite details as to the time and occasion when, or the persons by whom they were sent.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has the Government received any resolution regarding this matter?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The answer to the next question No. 368 will show.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—And, if so, has this matter received the attention of the Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That also has been answered in question No. 368.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I am putting supplementary questions to 367 and not to 368.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I want notice. It requires time.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—My question is whether this matter has received the attention of the Government, and what the decision arrived at by the Government is. Notice has already been given to this question. That is why this question is here.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The question was not specific. That is why the answer was given like that.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sir, I put that part of the same question which remains unanswered, viz., "whether this matter has received the attention of the Government, and what is the decision arrived at by the Government."

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No. That is regarding several resolutions and not any specific resolution. There are so many resolutions which were received by the Government, and it is not possible for me now to say which was considered and which was not.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Some resolutions have been received by the Government, and the Government is not in a position to say whether those resolutions have been considered, and, if so, whether they were disposed of.

President.—He gives an answer.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—That was not an answer given to my question, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—A point of order. That is about the first part of the question. I do not want any answer to it. We are to point out to you that this is not the answer to a question. My question is not a supplementary question at all.

President.—There is the Member who put the question to say whether an answer has been given by the Government or not.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is not my point. Will you kindly note this? His question is "Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House," and "No;" the Government is not prepared to lay on the table" would have been a more

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proper answer to it than the answer given. There the answer is decided, viz., "it is not possible to answer the question".

President.—I do not know whether you expect such an answer. Because you put this question indefinitely, we have not been able to answer it definitely. Put your question in a definite manner, instancing a resolution passed at such and such a meeting, held in such and such a place on such and such a day. Unless you furnish these particulars, it is not possible for the Government to give an answer.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I do not follow. I cannot follow at all. If resolutions are received, they must be placed on the table.

President.—The Government simply says " Give us particulars as to which resolution you are referring to, and then, we will search for it "

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is said that the Government have placed all the resolutions on the table.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know how many resolutions were received for the last sitting of the Council ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I am not in a position to say. I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government please admit that resolutions have been received ?

President.—The Government have already admitted.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know why they were not placed on the table ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It was not considered necessary.

Resolutions passed at the public meeting, Ernakulam.

368. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the resolutions passed at the public meeting held at Ernakulam, presided over by Mr. A. Sankara Puduval, a Member of the Legislative Council, in connection with the walk-out of the Members of the Legislative Council, and to state what orders have been passed or steps have been taken with reference to each one of those resolutions submitted to the Government, and if nothing of this has been done, whether those resolutions have been considered by the Government, and in what manner they have been disposed of?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—A copy of the resolutions is placed on the table, (*Vide Appendix V.*) They were recorded,

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